

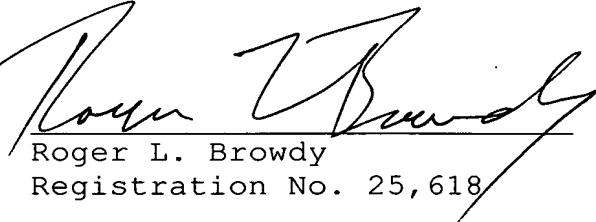
REMARKS

Claims 18-32 presently appear in this case. The amendment to the claims is being made to eliminate all multiple dependencies so as to reduce the filing fee and to place the case into better condition for examination. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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